(क) क्या यह सच है कि जहां तक दरभंगा का प्रश्न है उक्त ऋण नाम मात्र का है क्योंकि बोरोजगार व्यक्ति मुख्यतः संबंधित बैंक अधिकारियों द्वारा कमीशन मांगे जाने के कारण ऐसी ऋण सुविधा का प्रयोग नहीं करते हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में कोई शिकायत मिली है यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : (क) बिहार सरकार की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, वर्ष 1996-97 में 284 लाभ-भोगियों को बैंकों द्वारा 184.90 लाख रुपये की राशि बितरित की गई । वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान दरभंगा, बिहार में 160 लाभ भोगियों को ऋण वितरित किया गया था जिसमें 114.72 लाख रुपये अंतर्ग्रस्त था । वर्ष 1997-98 में अनुमोदित मामलों के लिए ऋण वितरण कार्य अभी जारी है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना के तहत ऋण वितरण करना जारी है, जैसाकि ऊपर बताया गया है । जिला उद्योग केंद्र तथा राज्य स्तरीय बैंकर समिति के आयोजकों को बिहार सरकार की शिकायतों पर कार्यवाही करने को कहा गया है ।

Growth projections of Cement Industry

494 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the "Economic Times' dated the 30th March, 1998 captioned "Cement Industry slips up on growth projections";

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating gap between demand and supply position during the last three years, year-wise and reasons for decline in production; and

(c) the likely production of cement during 1998-99 as compared to 1997-98 indicating the targets fixed in percentage terms, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of cement against the estimated demand and targets during the last three years was as under—

(In million tonnes)

Year	Estimated Demand	Target fixed	Actual Production
1995-96	68.00	68.00	69.55
1996-97	73.00	76.00	76.22
1997-98	79.00	81.00	83.15

The Industry has been able to produce cement in excess of the targets fixed during the last three years and achieved an annual growth rate of 9.11% during 1997-98.

(c) The production target for 1998-99 has been fixed at 90.5 million tonnes against the production of 83.15 million tonnes during 1997-98. with an annual growth rate of 8.84%.

Setting up of a Tariff Commission

495. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(d) whether Government have set up a Tariff Commssion to identify differential taxation rates of domestic products vis-a-vis foreign products;

(b) whether the Commission has submitted
its report;

(c) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Commission;

(d) whether Government have taken any decision on the report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) The existing terms of reference of the Tariff Commission are as at Statement—*(See* below).

(b) No report has been sent by the Tariff Commission.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Statement

Terms of Reference of the Tariff Commission

(i) to render advice and make recommendations as an expert body, on matters referred to it by Government regarding fixation of tariff and all tariff related issues in relation to traded goods, keeping in view the interest of the industrial and production sectors, export and import trade and consumers;